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SUBJ: INMARSAT - ISWG MEETING

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1. DURING CLOSING DAY OF FIRST SESSION, ISWG ACCEPTED
UK INVITATION TO HOLD NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 27-31 LONDON.
AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (A) COUNCIL FUNCTIONS; (B) PREPARA-
TION OF RELEVANT TEXTS; (C) INITIAL INVESTMENT SHARES;
(D) INVENTIONS; (E) ANY OTHER BUSINESS; (F) REPORT OF
ISWG TO SECOND SESSION OF INMARSAT CONFERENCE.

2. ISWG ACCEPTED REPORT OF DRAFT GROUP (DG), ALTHOUGH
ARTICLES DRAFTED BY DG ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS STILL
BEFORE THE ISWG.

3. ISWG AMENDED TITLE OF CONVENTION TO READ "CONVENTION
ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION
(INMARSAT)."

4. ISWG ACCEPTED NORWEGIAN INVITATION FOR SEPT. 22-26
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MEETING OF UP TO 50 OR 60 EXPERTS TO CONSIDER:

(1) DESIRABILITY OF INCLUSION OF ARTICLE ON RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, AS SUGGESTED BY U.S.; (2) LIABILITY AND EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY; (3) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; (4) SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES; (5) FINAL CLAUSES OF AGREEMENTS. ISWG ALSO BELIEVED WORK SHOULD BE DONE ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BUT THIS WAS NOT INCLUDED IN AGENDA OSLO MEETING.

5. WORKING GROUP UNDER BOUSSE PRODUCED TEXT, SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY PLENARY, FOR PARA TWO OF PROCUREMENT ARTICLE. CHAPEAU REITERATES TEXT OF CHAPEAU IN PARA ONE AND IS FOLLOWED BY ENUMERATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE COUNCIL MAY DISPENSE WITH INTERNATIONAL TENDERING. FIRST EXCEPTION MOST DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE, AND PORTION MOST CONTENTIOUS NOW READS: THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE CONTRACT DOES NOT EXCEED BEGIN BRACKET \$(BLANK) END BRACKET AND THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT WOULD NOT BY REASON OF THE DISPENSATION PLACE A CONTRACTOR IN SUCH A POSITION AS TO PRELUDICE AT SOME LATER DATE THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY STATED ABOVE (I.E., IN THE CHAPEAU).

6. U.S. REP AGREED WITHDRAW FROM LIST OF EXCEPTIONS SATELLITE LAUNCHING AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES. MOST WG PARTICIPANTS CLAIMED THIS MATTER COVERED BY PARA 2(C) U.S. PROPOSAL WHICH WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT CHANGE.

7. ISWG ADOPTED REPORT COVERING DECISIONS TAKEN DURING WEEK AND ADJOURNED LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 8.

8. IN SUMMARY, ISWG MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TO CEMENT PACKAGE DEAL AND TO DRAFT SUITABLE TEXT. CLOSE US-SOVIET COOPERATION CRITICAL IN ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE AS EUROPEANS CONTINUED TO EXPRESS VIEW THAT IF U.S. AND USSR AGREE, AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. IT ALSO EVIDENT FROM CLOSING STATEMENT MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY, SUPPORTED BY EGYPT, THAT LDC'S WILL TRY TO EXERT LARGER INFLUENCE IN SECOND ISWG AND FEBRUARY L976 CONFERENCE.

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